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SUBJECT: KAI TAK INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-
SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) HONG KONG 1052; (B) ROBERTS-MCCAHILL MEMO; (C)
HONG KONG 3403

1. DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGED BY CONGEN EFFORTS TO EXEMPT
US REGISTERED NON-SCHEDULED, NON-COMMERCIAL (I.E.
"PRIVATE") AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY INDIVIDUAL US CITIZENS
OR BY US CORPORATIONS OR NON-PROFIT TRAVEL CLUBS FROM
PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE KAI TAK INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.
AS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL B, THIS INSURANCE REQUIREMENT IS
VIEWED BY AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS (AIRPLANE OWNERS AND
PILOTS ASSN. AND NATIONAL BUSINESS AIRCRAFT ASSN.)
REPRESENTING NON-SCHEDULED, NON-COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT
OWNERS AND OPERATORS AS A BARRIER WHICH EFFECTIVELY
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PROHIBITS THEM FROM LANDING IN HONG KONG.

2. SINCE THESE BARRIERS ARE PRESUMABLY APPLICABLE TO
SIMILAR AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN OTHER COUNTRIES, KAI TAK
INSURANCE REQUIREMENT ALSO NEGATES A FOREIGN CORPORATION'S
OR CITIZEN'S MOTIVATION TO PURCHASE A US MANUFACTURED
AIRCRAFT TO FLY INTO OR FROM HONG KONG. THUS, AS MIGHT

BE EXPECTED, THE GENERAL AVIATION MANUFACTURERS ASSN.
IS ALSO CONCERNED.

3. DEPARTMENT HOPEFUL THAT MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED AT
LOWER LEVEL, AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONGEN REPORT.
FYI: THE CONGEN LETTER PROMISED IN REFTEL A, WHICH
PRESUMABLY DISCUSSED THIS TOPIC, HAS YET TO ARRIVE.

4. BENICH, PRESIDENT OF NOMADS, WAS INFORMED OF POSSI-
BILITY OF FAVORABLE DECISION IN HIS CASE. HE IS NEEDLESS
TO SAY PLEASED, ESPECIALLY SINCE FLIGHT WAS SET-UP
BEFORE RECEIPT OF HONG KONG CAD'S PROHIBITIVE 150
MILLION DOLLAR INSURANCE REQUIREMENT (FYI: 5-10 MILLION
IS ROUGH AVERAGE MOST AIR TRAVEL CLUBS AND CORPORATIONS
CARRY; 5 MILLION MAX FOR MOST OTHER TYPES OF PRIVATE
AIRCRAFT). SUGGEST CONGEN DELAY RESPONDING TO CERP 5016
UNTIL THIS MATTER SETTLED. VANCE

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